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SUBJECT: VIP ATTENDANCE AT OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN AUSTRIA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO GOA HAVE RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTE DATED AUGUST 27 STATING THAT NUMBER OF HIGH-RANKING FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO VISIT INNSBRUCK/TYROL FOR 12TH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, FEBRUARY 4-15, 1976.

2. NOTE THEN REQUESTS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO INFORM MFA ASAP ABOUT INTENTION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (CHIEFS OF STATE, MEMBERS OF REIGNING HOUSES, CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT, MINISTERS) WHO ARE PLANNING TO COME TO GAMES, PARTICULARLY THOSE PLANNING TO ATTEND OPENING CEREMONIES ON FEBRUARY 4. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY EXTENDED INVITATION TO PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ATTEND WINTER GAMES DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO SALZBURG IN SPRING OF 1975. SIMILAR INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO PRESIDENT BY TYROLEAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR WALLNOFER. PRESIDENT FORD'S RESPONSE TO KREISKY INVITATION, AS CONVEYED TO ME, WAS THAT HE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO ATTEND GAMES.

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4. AS FOLLOW-UP TO MFA NOTE, I ANTICIPATE QUERY FROM

CHANCELLOR OR FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEXT WEEKS ON
STATUS OF RESPONSE TO AUSTRIAN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY. PLEASE ADVISE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. BUCHANAN

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